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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence) 25X1A9a

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Comments on ACDA Contract and Grant Research Program for FY 1965

REFERENCE: Your Request dated 2 March 1964

1. We have reviewed the subject program in light of those items or areas of immediate concern to OSI. Our remarks will be addressed to the general overall program rather than specifics. The Office sees no obvious weaknesses in the program.

2. Throughout the program ACDA is requesting contractor assistance and detailed analyses concerning various inspection and verification schemes. Our concern is whether the contractor can properly discharge his assignment without a clear understanding of the role and capabilities of our unilateral intelligence techniques--in fact, we wonder if this can only be done efficiently within the Intelligence Community where necessary information is readily available and a clear understanding of our capabilities and limitations, as a function of time, exist. Therefore, much of the contractors' effort, unless very carefully and specifically monitored, could be wasted. Additionally, underlying many of the proposals is the inferred knowledge of present and future weapons system research, development and deployment programs and philosophies. Within the security classification of most contract organizations, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to provide the necessary data.

3. We would suggest that, at the very least, intelligence must have a direct input to the final ACDA position in those areas mentioned above. In addition, we can visualize areas of interest such as Verification where step by step coordination will be needed to avoid duplication of effort and to assess various ACDA proposals in view of their net intelligence gain if implemented. This could be particularly important in the confidence factor we can attribute to various verification techniques, particularly when tied to our present and planned unilateral collection capabilities.

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4. Specifically, in reference to Category II A. 1, "Arms Control Aspects of New Weapons Developments," we have two comments. First, the descriptions of Category II studies and item 1 do not appear to convey the same thoughts. Secondly, it is possible that the envisaged study in ballistic missile defense systems may have been, or is being, pretty well covered by present external contracts in the Intelligence Community.

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